

REMARKS

Drawings

The drawings were objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a) for failing to show the “sensor” being directly connected to the device, as claimed in claims 1-6. Claims 1-6 have been amended. The device is a stand alone humidity sensing mechanism that is intended to be hooked up to a system requiring lubrication – for instance in place of item 140 on Fig. 1. In this sense, the device as presently claimed, is used as part of the on-line system for measuring oil described herein, as described in Figures 26 – 28 and in the specification on page 14, lines 6-30. Applicant believes the drawings show every feature of the claimed invention as presently claimed, and withdrawal of this objection is requested.

Specification

The Examiner has objected to the Specification as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter, because the Examiner indicates that nowhere within the specification is a sensor directly connected to a device to be lubricated disclosed or implied. Claims 1-6 have been amended. The device is a stand alone humidity sensing mechanism that is intended to be hooked up to a system requiring lubrication – for instance in place of item 140 on Fig. 1. In this sense, the device as presently claimed, is used as part of the on-line system for measuring oil described herein, as described in Figures 26 – 28, and in the specification on page 14, lines 6-30. Applicant believes the specification show every feature of the claimed invention, and withdrawal of this objection is requested.

Claim Rejections –35 U.S.C. §112

Claim 1-6 were rejected for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The Examiner indicated that the inventor did not have in its possession the sensor directly connected to the device for lubrication. Claims 1-6 have been cancelled, although the Applicant indicates that the Specification as filed does enable humidity sensing mechanism that is intended to be hooked up to a system requiring lubrication – for instance in place of item 140 on Fig. 1. In this sense, the device as presently claimed, is used as part of the

on-line system for measuring oil described herein, as described in Figures 26 – 28, and in the specification on page 14, lines 6-30. Withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-6 were rejected as anticipated based on the disclosure of the EMD-2000 humidity sensor itself. These claims have been cancelled. The sensor alone however, does not have the first and second indicating mechanisms as presently claimed. Applicant does not believe the disclosed element anticipates the entire presently claimed invention.

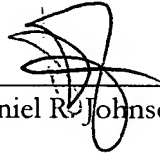
Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over various combinations of Gregory et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,125,480) in view of Reichert (U.S. Pat. No. 5,330,636) and in view of Mizumoto et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,080,195). Claims 1-6 have been cancelled.

Applicant has cancelled claims 1 -6 to more definitively recite the patentable subject material of the present invention. No new matter has been added by this amendment. The drawings are believed to show every feature of the claimed invention. Accordingly, allowance of the newly presented claim 7 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

By


Daniel R. Johnson, Reg. No. 46,204

RYAN KROMHOLZ & MANION, S.C.

Post Office Box 26618

Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53226

(262) 783 - 1300

February 23, 2006

Customer No.: 26308

TRICO/112115133 CIP 2 DIV/160223 AMENDMENT B AS FILED

Enclosures: Amendment Transmittal Letter
Return Postcard